

Amendments to the Claims

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 - 18 (canceled).

Claim 19 (new): A receiving sleeve for a piezoelectric actuator, the receiving sleeve comprising:

a first sleeve part and a second sleeve part ,

said first sleeve part being connected to said second sleeve part in an assembled state of the receiving sleeve; and

an anti-rotation element for maintaining a predetermined angular position between said first sleeve part and said second sleeve part .

Claim 20 (new): The receiving sleeve according to claim 19 configured for receiving a piezoelectric actuator for driving an injector of an injection system for an internal combustion engine.

Claim 21 (new): The receiving sleeve according to claim 19, wherein said anti-rotation element has a slot-and-key connection with of a slot formed in one of said first and second sleeve parts and a shape-matched key disposed on another of said first and second sleeve parts and engaging in the slot in the assembled state.

Claim 22 (new): The receiving sleeve according to claim 21, wherein at least one of said slot and said key is formed with an insertion bevel, said insertion bevel enabling a pre-assembly of said first sleeve part and said second sleeve part with an angular displacement.

Claim 23 (new): The receiving sleeve according to claim 22, wherein the angular displacement has a maximum angular displacement for the pre-assembly in a range between 1° and 10°.

Claim 24 (new): The receiving sleeve according to claim 22, which comprises a plug-and-socket connection between said first sleeve part and said second sleeve part having a predetermined length, said insertion bevel extending in an axial direction over only a part of a length of said plug-and-socket connection.

Claim 25 (new): The receiving sleeve according to claim 24, wherein said insertion bevel extends in the axial direction over 10% to 50% of the length of the plug-and-socket connection.

Claim 26 (new): The receiving sleeve according to claim 24, wherein at least one of said slot and said key extends over at least a part of the length of said plug-and-socket connection, starting from a free end of a respective said sleeve part in each case, whereby said key engages in said slot early while said first and second sleeve parts are being joined to one another.

Claim 27 (new): The receiving sleeve according to claim 24, wherein at least one of said slot and said key of said slot-and-key connection extends over the entire length of said plug-and-socket connection, said insertion bevel takes up a part of the length of said plug-and-socket connection, and said anti-rotation element takes up all of a remainder of the length of said plug-and-socket connection.

Claim 28 (new): The receiving sleeve according to claim 21, wherein said slot and said key are each formed with an insertion bevel.

Claim 29 (new): The receiving sleeve according to claim 28, wherein said insertion bevel of said slot has an insertion angle substantially equal to an insertion angle of said insertion bevel of said key, whereby, during an assembly, said insertion bevels slide onto one another in substantially plane-parallel orientation.

Claim 30 (new): The receiving sleeve according to claim 19, which comprises a

snap-in connection with a predetermined latching point, wherein, in the assembled state, said first sleeve part is mated with said second sleeve part by way of said snap-in connection.

Claim 31 (new): The receiving sleeve according to claim 28, which comprises a snap-in connection with a predetermined latching point, wherein, in the assembled state, said first sleeve part is mated with said second sleeve part by way of said snap-in connection.

Claim 32 (new): The receiving sleeve according to claim 31, wherein said insertion bevel acts at a maximum only as far as said latching point when said first and second sleeve parts are joined together.

Claim 33 (new): The receiving sleeve according to claim 22, wherein said insertion bevel runs substantially straight and uncurved.

Claim 34 (new): The receiving sleeve according to claim 22, wherein said insertion bevel transitions seamlessly into said anti-rotation element.

Claim 35 (new): The receiving sleeve according to claim 22, wherein said insertion bevel transitions with a bend into said anti-rotation element.

Claim 36 (new): The receiving sleeve according to claim 19, wherein each of said first sleeve part and said second sleeve part has a recess formed in an end face thereof for guiding the piezoelectric actuator.

Claim 37 (new): The receiving sleeve according to claim 36, wherein said recesses and the piezoelectric actuator together form a fit having an angular clearance greater than an angular clearance of said anti-rotation element, to thereby prevent torsional forces from acting on the piezoelectric actuator.

Claim 38 (new): A piezoelectric actuator assembly, comprising:

a piezoelectric actuator having a longitudinal side;

a receiving sleeve enclosing said piezoelectric actuator on the longitudinal side; and

electrical connecting leads connected to said piezoelectric actuator.

Claim 39 (new): A piezoelectric actuator assembly, comprising:

a piezoelectric actuator having a longitudinal side, and electrical connecting leads connected to said piezoelectric actuator; and

the receiving sleeve according to claim 19 enclosing said piezoelectric actuator on the longitudinal side.